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In the office action dated July 28, 2005, the examiner rejected claims 1-18, 33, 37-39 and 40-41 under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Ellis et al. USPN 6,732,367 and claims 19-32, 34-36 and 42-46 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Ellis et al. in view of Leung USPN 2002/0095673. Ellis et al. was filed on November 30, 1998. As indicated in Steyck et al.'s Rule 131 Declaration, Applicants conceived of the invention embodied in claims 1-46 prior to November 30, 1998. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that Ellis et al. is not prior art to the subject application under 35 USC 102 and 103.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at (949) 567-6700.

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